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DEPT PASS USDOE FOR STEVE GOLDMAN

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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: DATES FOR JOINT
COMMISSION MEETING (08.00)

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1. WHILE EMBOFF WAS DELIVERING JACKSON-YATROV
LETTER (SEPTTEL), SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF US-USSR
ENERGY AGREEMENT MAL'TSEV ASKED WHEN THE NEXT ENERGY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE. MAL'TSEV
POINTED OUT THAT LAST DECEMBER'S PROTOCOL CALLED FOR
A MEETING IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND HE CLAIMED THAT
THE US HAD ORALLY AGREED TO AN OCTOBER MEETING.
HE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT FOR
NEPOROZHNIY IF THE MEETING COULD BE SCHEDULED IN
LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER, SINCE NEPOROZHNIY
HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM THE US NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING TO TAKE PART IN A MEETING
HONORING NEW MEMBERS OF NAE FROM OCTOBER 30 TO
NOVEMBER 4 IN WASHINGTON. (NEPOROZHNIY WAS ELECTED
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A FOREIGN ASSOCIATE OF NAE THIS SPRING (REFTEL).)

2. MAL'TSEV INDICATED THAT NEPOROZHNIY HAD NOT
DECIDED WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE NAE INVITATION,
IMPLYING THAT HIS DECISION WOULD DEPEND, IN PART,
ON JCM TIMING. MAL'TSEV POINTED OUT THAT IF JCM
IS HELD IN LATE OCTOBER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO

BEGIN PREPARATIONS SOON, AND HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO HEARING FROM HIS US COUNTERPART GOLDMAN ON US PLANS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY SEES NO NEED FOR EARLY US REPLY TO MAL'TSEV QUERY RE JCM TIMING, AND IN ANY CASE CURRENT GUIDANCE PRECLUDES A DIRECT REPLY BY US EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. DECISION ON POSSIBLE TIMING OF ENERGY JCM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE CONTENT OF OVERALL US-SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE COMING MONTHS. IN THIS REGARD, US WILL ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF POSSIBLE NEPOROZHNIY VISIT TO NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING OUTSIDE JCM FRAMEWORK, ALTHOUGH MAL'TSEV LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT NEPOROZHNIY MIGHT NOT ATTEND IF TRIP COULD NOT BE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH JCM. (WE DOUBT THAT A SOVIET MINISTER WOULD BE INCLINED TO TRAVEL TO THE US IF HE WAS AWARE IN ADVANCE THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE CONSIDERED PURELY PRIVATE.) FINALLY, DECISION ON JCM TIMING SHOULD ALSO ALLOW US SIDE ENOUGH TIME TO ASSESS RESULTS ON ENERGY FORECASTING WORKING GROUP MEETING - SHOULD ONE OCCUR. TOON

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